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Applicant : John G. Babish, et al. ) Group Art Unit 1654  
Appl. No. : 09/919,349 )  
Filed : July 31, 2001 )  
For : COMBINATIONS OF )  
SESQUITERPENE )  
LACTONES AND DITEPENE )  
TRIEPOXIDE LACTONES )  
FOR SYNERGISTIC )  
INHIBITION OF )  
CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 )  
Examiner : Michele C. Flood )

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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Communication mailed January 17, 2003. The Examiner has required an election of a single disclosed combination of species of composition, specifically stating which diterpene triepoxide lactone species and which sesquiterpene lactone species, for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants hereby elect triptolide as the diterpene triepoxide lactone species; and parthenolide as the sesquiterpene lactone species.

Currently, all claims read on the elected species. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1-25 is respectfully requested.

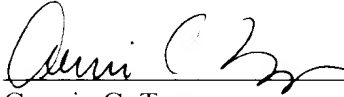
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